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TAGS: PINT, ASEC, UR, US
SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AT ELECTRO '77;

A YOUNG MANN APPARENTLY RUSSIAN, APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS OLD, WEARING A TIE-DYED TEE SHIRT ON WHICH THE ENGLISH WORDS "I WANT BE FREE" WRITTEN ON THE BACK AND "LIBERTY" ON THE FRONT WALKED THROUGH THE US SECTION OF "ELECTRO '77" AT MOSCOW'S SOKOLNIKI TODAY AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M. ECON OFFICER AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER, WHO WERE VISITING EXHIBIT, FIRST NOTICED THE MAN WHEN HE WAS INITIALLY STOPPED BY A MILITIA OFFICER AND TOLD THAT HE WAS VIOLATING THE LAW. THE YOUNG MAN SIMPLY SAID HE WASN'T AND REFUSED TO LEAVE. HE THEN SLOWLY WALKED THROUGH THE EXHIBIT AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY 20-30 MINUTES FOLLOWED BY THE MILITIA OFFICER. FINALLY, A GROUP OF 4 OR 5 OTHER MILITIA OFFICERS ARRIVED ASSISTED BY 2 OR 3 PLAINSCLOTHESMEN. THEY SURROUNDED THE MAN AND THEN ESCORTED HIM BY THE ARMS OUT OF THE PAVILION INTO A WAITING MILITIA CAR. THE YOUNG MAN OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND MERELY SPOKE QUIETLY TO THE MILITIA. HE APPEARED VERY RESTRAINED AND POSSIBLY MAY HAVE BEEN ON A DRUG. A MEMBER OF THE US EXHIBITS STAFF WALKED OUT TO THE MILITIA CAR AND WATCHED AS THE MAN WAS DRIVEN AWAY. THE DEMONSTRATOR WAS NOT PHYSICALLY ABUSED WHILE UNDER OUR OBSERVATION. THE EXHIBIT WAS NOT CROWDED

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AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME AND FEW PEOPLE SEEMED AWARE THAT THE INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED. THIS WAS THE FIRST SUCH DEMONSTRATION AT "ELECTRO '77."
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